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In the Office Action dated December 3, 2001, the Examiner stated that claims 1, 5-8, 14-18, 22-25 and 31-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent to Stupek, Jr., et al. in view of the U.S. Patent to Burns, et al. The Examiner also stated that claims 2-4 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being

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